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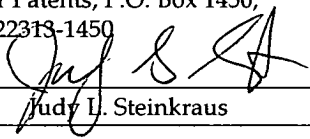
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DECLARATION OF JUDY L. STEINKRAUS

I, Judy L. Steinkraus, having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am secretary to the Attorney of Record and an employee of the law firm of record, Blakely Sokoloff Taylor Zafman LLP, for the above-identified patent application.
2. As filed, the referenced patent application names Yimin Zhang and Joe F. Zhou as inventors.
3. The referenced patent application was filed without a Declaration and Power of Attorney document at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 09/28/2000.

4. I received a Notification of Missing Requirements for the referenced application with a mailed date of 05/01/2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
5. On 5/30/2003 I faxed a message to Gao Chen of Applicants' Beijing office requesting signatures on attached Declaration with confirmation of receipt (copy attached);
6. On 06/03/2003 I received an e-mail message from Gao Chen of Applicants' Beijing office advising me that inventor Zhou no longer works at that office or with the Applicant's organization in any capacity (copy attached).
7. On 09/29/2003 I sent an e-mail to Applicant's Database Group requesting the last known home address for inventor Zhou (copy attached).
8. On 09/29/2003 I sent a letter sent via Registered Mail to Joe F. Zhou at the last known home address (copy attached). Last known address is:

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9. On 09/30/2003 I received a response from Applicant's Database Group providing same address as what was on file and already used (copy attached).
10. On 10/18/2003 I received back the 09/29/2003 letter sent via Registered Mail to Joe F. Zhou in the offices of Blakely Sokoloff Taylor Zafman LLP as undeliverable (copy attached).

I believe that I have made diligent effort to reach inventor Joe F. Zhou, who has not provided updated contact information or maintained mail forwarding service with local postal officials.

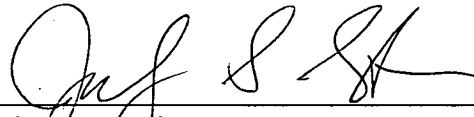
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Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Judy L. Steinkraus', is written over a horizontal line.

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